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Ordinarily I would not say these things about anybody. They say you can judge the size of a man by the size of things that make him angry. If I let anything J.J. Exon did make me angry I'd be hobnobbing with microbes, with microbes. He has given us some comic relief this afternoon. That was his only intention. He knows that at the end of the session peoples nerves get taunt. He knows that we're dealing with very important issues, so he sat over there. He's always wanted to be a circus master. I don't know if any of you all knew that. He always has admired Bozo the Clown. He lacked . . . he was too shy I'll say to dress up like a clown and go before the public and try to put on these stunts. He thought if the people didn't laugh it would embarrass him. Some people don't have the strength that it takes to be a comedian. You have to be willing to let people not laugh at your jokes. At any rate from the safety of that little office over there in the corner he just chuckled, he just laughed so much that he could hardly get this veto message written. Now he's over there rolling on the floor, rolling on the floor with laughter. Tears coming out of his eyes. If we don't bring his laughter to a halt he'll stand up as a stutterer. I think this veto ought to be dealt with in the spirit that the Governor gave it. If there are 49 people here there ought to be 49 votes to override it. We have our comedians too. Probably when the first vote comes there will be 49 votes to sustain his veto. But I hope that sanity returns to this body quicker than we can cause it to return to that corner of the Capitol over there. I also recommend that this bill be passed not withstanding the humorous objection of the Governor.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: For a man who drives a big black car, or rides in one, has a driver, a full suite of offices, plus \$35,000 to travel with, I am amazed. Obviously this was to anger the members of the Legislature. He knows that we appropriate the money. He knows that's our legitimate function. I would suggest that we do this in a very calm way, override his veto. Then I have a question for Senator Marvel.

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel do you yield?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Are there any budget bills left that we could put on reduction for executive offices? For instance, is there anywhere I can put this Agency 07? I don't think some of this travel is necessary.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yeah, I think we could find one.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Good, I'll be looking forward to that. I'll prepare the correct amendments.

SENATOR MARVEL: May I . . .